

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Susan A. Wolffe (RN: 33,568) on March 15, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 16 (currently amended) A semiconductor device comprising:

a first well of a first conductivity type and a second wells well of a second conductivity type opposite to the first conductivity type, in conductivity types and said first and second wells being disposed adjacent to each other;

a straight well isolation structure comprising a shallow trench formed on a boundary of said first and second wells;

a first device region of the second conductivity type provided in said first well;

a second device region of the first conductivity type provided in said second well,
said first and second device regions being disposed to oppose each other face-to-face,
with a first section of said well isolation structure disposed between said first and second device regions;

a third device region of the second conductivity type provided in said first well,
said third device region being ~~provided~~ positioned separately from and adjacent to said first device region;